

REMARKS

In response to the above-noted Office Action, Applicant has amended Claim 29 to incorporate the limitations of previously canceled Claim 8. Additionally, since Claim 8 refers to output module (58), the claim has been further amended changing the reference to "the output means" to --the output module--, which amendment is also responsive to the objection to Claim 29 for lack of proper antecedent basis.

In the Action, Claims 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Tokutsu. Claim 31 is rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Tokutsu in view of Cottrell. In response, Applicant has amended Claim 29 as noted above, the Examiner indicating that if all of the elements of Claim 8 were incorporated into Claim 29, that claim would be in condition for allowance. As to Claim 31, Claim 31 has been canceled.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Response, it is submitted that the claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-7, 9-10, 12-19, 21-30 and 32-33 are now in condition for allowance, which early action is requested.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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